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View of Kiangyin Hospital and grounds from the rear, showing the proposed sites of new buildings. The Operating Room will serve for both men's and women's ward.

Officers of Presbyterial

President - - - - - - - - Mrs. Andrew Howell

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Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions, Miss Mary Sloan

Secretary of Local Home Missions - Mrs. R. E. L. Brown

Secretary Ministerial Relief and Christian Education,
Miss Margaret Peirce

Proceedings of the Presbyterial

June 18, 19 and 20, 1913

Wednesday Evening

On Wednesday evening the silver anniversary exercises were held. At this meeting Mrs. Andrew Howell gave a splendid history of the Presbyterial, showing the marked progress and wonderful achievements during the twenty-five years.

On motion the Presbyterial ordered sent to Mrs. B. F. Hall a telegraphic message expressive of our love and appreciation of her inestimable service in the organization of our Union and leadership throughout twelve years.

Thursday Morning

The Presbyterial was called to order by Mrs. Johnson, who extended greetings to those present.

Rev. W. W. Morton conducted the devotional exercises in a very impressive manner.

Mrs. H. H. Horton greeted the delegates in behalf of the local society, and Mrs. R. W. Hicks made response to the gracious words of welcome.

In the absence of Mrs. Winsborough, greetings were heard from the three missionaries present: Dr. and Mrs. George Worth and Mrs. L. W. Curtis.

Reports from standing committees were called for. There was no report from the Organization Committee. Reports from Mrs. R. E. L. Brown, of the Literature Committee, the Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and the President were heard and adopted.

At the roll call of Ladies Societies, the following responded with delegates:

Black River—Mrs. L. E. McDonald, Miss Maggie Johnson.
Burgaw—Mrs. J. R. Bannerman, Mrs. J. F. Johnson.
Caswell—Miss Eliza Murphy.
Chadbourn—Mrs. S. M. Withers, Mrs. D. C. Whitted.

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Clarkton—Mrs. N. A. Currie.
Duplin Roads—Mrs. B. M. Turner.
Immanuel—Mrs. Crowley.
New Hope—Mrs. Jackson Johnson.
Rose Hill—Miss Garland Fussell.
South River—Mrs. Wm. Sloan, Miss Maggie Cromartie.
Rockfish—Mrs. Ellis Wells, Miss Leona Knowles.
Whiteville—Miss Jessie Smith.
Warsaw—Mrs. C. R. Spencer.
Grove—Miss Pattie Southerland.
Wilmington, First Church, Home Mission Society—Miss Ellen D. Bellamy.
Wilmington, First Church, Foreign Mission Society—Mrs. R. W. Hicks, Mrs. W. M. Cumming.
Wilmington, St. Andrews—Mrs. J. N. Southerland.

In his address before the Presbyterial, Dr. Worth told of the work of the Hospital in the past and present, and gave a glimpse of the possibilities of the future.

The interest in the Hospital and its work was shown by the many questions asked by the ladies.

After a prayer by Mrs. Cumming, the Presbyterial hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," was sung, and the meeting adjourned for lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

A very helpful praise and thanksgiving service was conducted by Mrs. Lewis.

Mrs. Willie Smith led the memorial service. From the Presbyterial memorials of Mrs. D. T. Robinson, of Caswell, and Mrs. Edna Cromartie Singletary, of Clarkton, were read.

Mrs. Worth told us of the work of the Pocket Testament League; how much it had accomplished in different countries, and urged that the societies take it up.

In Miss Murphy's report of the Hospital fund, she told us that $600 of the $1,000 due in October for Dr. Crawford's traveling expenses, were in the bank. The delegates were asked to impress upon their societies the necessity of raising the remaining $400 by October. All societies are asked to send delegates to the Day of Prayer at Rose Hill in October prepared to make pledges for the part they can raise the

coming year on the $2,400 for the support of Dr. and Mrs. Crawford.

It was moved and carried that Mrs. Jackson Johnson visit the societies at the expense of the Presbyterial, and present this cause of the Hospital, and explain the new methods of work, the visiting to be done before October.

Mrs. George Worth addressed the meeting on "The Opportunity of the Day in China." Her message emphasized the fact that now, as never before, "the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Mrs. Worth asked that some one of the delegates go out and organize societies in the Presbyterial in the places where there are none.

As a delegate to the conference at Montreat, Mrs. Cumming gave her report.

After singing the hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," the Presbyterial was adjourned.

THURSDAY EVENING

The Presbyterial heard with pleasure an address by Rev. C. N. Caldwell, of the North China Mission. Mr. Caldwell addressed our organization at Clinton five years ago.

FRIDAY MORNING

This session of the Presbyterial opened with a song service, at which the young people took an active part.

This service was conducted by the President.

Mrs. L. W. Curtis presented to the Presbyterial the causes of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, and of Publication, Sabbath School Extension and Young People's Work. Up to last year the woman's organized work embraced only the Foreign and Home Mission causes, but now it embraces all four Assembly causes. Mrs. Curtis' address showed clearly that the change was not revolutionary, but a logical growth and development of the work. She gave a bird's-eye view of the work of the two new causes, and pleaded that every society place them upon the regular schedule of their society work. The Presbyterial elected secretaries for both of these causes.

Mrs. J. A. Brown presented the constitution of the Presbyterial in a very clear and attractive way. After the reading of the constitution by Mrs. Brown, a committee was appointed to make necessary changes to suit our organization. The constitution, with the few changes, was adopted.

The constitution of the Synodical of North Carolina was read and ratified by the Presbyterial.

A very helpful conference of presidents and leaders was conducted by Mrs. Wm. Sloan. Many took part in the interesting discussions on vital questions that confront all society workers.

A letter from Miss Estelle McIver, of Lees-McRae Institute, in regard to our "Scholarship Girl" there, was encouraging and gratifying.

Report from the May Johnson Loan Fund was read by the Secretary.

In Mrs. George Currie's report as agent of Covenanter Companies, she told of one company organized at Clarkton that was doing good work. Mrs. Currie has written every minister of the Presbytery, (excepting First and Second Churches of Wilmington, where they have Christian Endeavors), asking their co-operation and advisability of organizing a company in their churches. There was no response from any minister. Owing to physical hindrances, Mrs. Currie resigned.

Invitations for the Day of Prayer were extended by the Rose Hill and Chadbourn Societies; that of Rose Hill was accepted.

Invitations for the Presbyterial were extended by the societies of Burgaw, St. Andrews and Clarkton. The Presbyterial goes to Burgaw for the next meeting.

After the Presbyterial hymn, the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session, devoted to the Young People's work, was opened by a song service conducted by Miss Mary Lou Powell.

Miss Murphy, in conducting the devotional exercises before the Young People, emphasized the words "*steadfast*" and *always* "*abounding*."—I CORINTHIANS 15:58.

Reports were read from the Young People's work.

The following societies responded at the roll call:

Burgaw, Little Gleaners—Marie Pullen.
South River, Little Workers—Anabel Sloan.
Clarkton, A. McFayden—Eva Kelley.
Chadbourn, Patience Brown—Nellie Barnes.
Clarkton, Miriams—Mary Russ.
Wilmington, First Church, Willing Workers—Laura Howell, Kate Cumming.
Wilmington, First Church, Helping Hands—Elizabeth Thames.
St. Andrews, Christian Endeavor Society—Miss Hatch, Mrs. Norfleet.
Duplin Roads, Willing Workers, Junior—Miss Boney.
Duplin Roads, Willing Workers, Senior—Miss Carr.

A report from the Westminster Christian Endeavor Convention, held in Raleigh, June 10th, 11th and 12th, was read by Mrs. Norfleet.

Mrs. Stewart, as Secretary of Young People's work, submitted her report. She told of three new societies organized. This is the eleventh year of the Young People's work, with Mrs. Stewart as their leader. Organized with three societies, the work has expanded until now there are thirty-two in active work. During these eleven years the contributions of the Young People have amounted to $4,000, the money supporting cots in the Worth Hospital. During these years four of the Young People have gone to foreign fields.

An interesting feature of this program was a quiz on missions based upon "The Survey," in which the Young People appeared well-informed.

Mrs. Stewart told the Young People of the Pocket Testament League. There was an interested and earnest discussion of this work by the whole body, and the women delegates pledged themselves to present the Pocket Testament League in their home churches and work to promote it. Mrs. Lee Brown was elected Secretary of the Presbyterial for the advancement of this work.

After a sentence prayer, in which many of the Young People took part, this meeting closed with the song, "Jesus Bids Us Shine."

It was moved and carried that the date of the next Presbyterial be the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after the second Sunday in June.

The delegates to Montreat, Mrs. W. T. Bannerman and Mrs. R. E. L. Brown, go instructed.

The report of the Nominating Committee was heard and adopted. It was moved and carried that the following ex-officers be active and honored members of our Executive Committee: Mrs. Jackson Johnson, Mrs. A. D. McClure, Mrs. J. C. Stewart, Mrs. W. M. Cumming, Miss Eliza Murphy, Mrs. B. F. Hall and Mrs. J. S. Crowley.

Mrs. L. W. Curtis was extended life membership in our Presbyterial.

Special prayers were offered for Dr. and Mrs. Worth, their two sons and daughter.

Resolutions were unanimously adopted expressing appreciation for the gracious hospitality shown by the people of Whiteville.

The Presbyterial closed with a consecration service led by Mrs. A. D. McClure.

The meeting adjourned.

MARY M. SLOAN,
Recording Secretary.

President's Report

"What hath God wrought!"

The past year has marked for us two notable events, namely the twenty-fifth anniversary of our organization as a Presbyterial, and the launching by our General Assembly of our new form of woman's work, known as the Woman's Auxiliary. Both cause us to realize anew the goodness of our God to us, and with thankful hearts we praise Him for His guidance and blessings.

I cannot say that the work has been a steady advance, for it has gone forward by leaps and bounds. Your Executive Committee has had to have more meetings than ever before to keep abreast of it. The various reports which you have heard, and will hear later from our different departments, shows you something of this great forward move. I will mention but two special causes of thanksgiving on our part. First, a gift of six thousand dollars from Mrs.

James Sprunt, and second, the securing, at last, of a physician, Dr. Crawford, to assist Dr. Worth in his great hospital work.

There are a few recommendations that I wish to lay before you, as follows: That each Society in our Presbyterial fall in line with the new plan of our Women's Work, and appoint officers in your Society to correspond with the State officers of our Synodical. That each Society assume a definite share in supporting the general work, and give at least one dollar a year per Society to the cause, sending the same to Mrs. L. D. Latta, Wilmington, N. C. That each Society remember to pay its contingent fee to Presbyterial expenses, and also to Synodical expenses, sending the latter to Mrs. C. F. Ried, Lenoir, N. C.

In submitting to you my resignation as President, at this time, I will thank you most sincerely for the support you have given me in the past thirteen years. Had it not been for this co-operation on your part we could never have accomplished the great work that we have done. In 1901 we had 319 members, 15 Societies, and contributed $677.97; in 1913 we have 1,258 members, 70 Societies and contributed $9,993.10.

Now, ladies, what are our assets? That is what you should want to know. Materially, one well-equipped hospital in China, a half scholarship in Lees-McRae Institute, in the mountains, and part of a scholarship in James Sprunt Institute, in the lowlands. This marked growth should encourage us to look into the future with determination to renewed consecration, and put our hearts, our souls, our strength and our minds into this work, for it is not ours, but His, whom we are, and whom we serve. In conclusion, what is our message from our General Assembly on Women's Work?

WOMEN'S WORK

1. That the Assembly express its gratification at the progress made in organizing the Women's Work.

2. That the Assembly urge the Women's Societies the importance of co-operating with this movement.

3. That the Assembly urge upon the . . . . . Women's Work that they shall organize it in harmony with the genuis of the Assembly's plan . . . . but that this shall not be done in such a manner as to work harm to the interests of causes that are already looking to them for certain definite support.

4. That the Assembly grant the request of our women that their contributions be so handled as to make it possible to secure accurate statistics of their work, and that the Assembly suggest to the sessions of our churches that they allow the treasurers of Women's Societies, where they desire it to forward their funds directly to the treasurers of the Executive Committee, only reporting the same to the church's treasurer of benevolent funds for record and for report to Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. JOHNSON.

Winnabow, N. C.

Report of Secretary of Literature

The constitution of the Woman's Presbyterial says of the office of Secretary of Literature: "She shall have for inspection or sale at meeting of Presbyterial a supply of magazines, scrap books, clippings, sample programs, and the best and newest leaflets."

I have secured some of these, and I hope you will find them helpful to you in your work.

"Knowledge is the first great step in missionary zeal. Knowledge leads to interest. If one is truly interested he will pray, and prayer leads to giving." Some one has truly said:

"Know and you will feel,
Know and you will pray,
Know and you will give."

We have also heard that "information means inspiration," and I have come to-day to inform you as well as I can, and I trust inspiration will follow.

I feel that when we adopt our new constitution, we will begin to do great things in this line of work.

"We should inform ourselves through our missionary magazines and church papers." Let us help our local secretaries by not only subscribing for these, but by carefully reading each copy. "Then, and not till then," will we enjoy our monthly meetings. When we are informed, we will be interested; then it will be a real pleasure to do these things for our dear Lord, and furthermore, we will talk more about the Lord's work and less about our worldly affairs.

I believe the interest in missionary work will increase tenfold when we realize how much we can accomplish by disseminating this literature.

I have written 85 letters, including 56 circular letters containing 225 tracts, and I have received answers to seven. Why did you not help me?

I would like to suggest that, when convenient, the local Secretary of Literature be sent as a delegate to the Presbyterial. Let's magnify her office, and it is her work "to circulate literature among the members and direct the organization of Mission Study Classes."

How important that she always be present at Presbyterial meetings! I would like to have this considered at the conference of Presidents and Leaders to-morrow.

I want to mention a few books I have. I hope each Secretary of Literature here will look over these books and tracts carefully. Some are free, and some are not. I will be glad to talk with you about them.

"What One Woman Learned," "A Few Tried Ways," "A Plea for the Twelve," "That Little Pongee Gown," "Stories for Grandma Bright's Evenings," "Prayer Calendar," "Grenfell of Labrador," "Christus Liberator," "Autobiography of John G. Paton," "The Life of William Carey," also our new Missionary Map of the World and a "Big Ben" Binder for the Survey.

Just here may I suggest that the local Secretary of Literature co-operate with the Secretary of Young People and Sabbath School work in establishing

a missionary library in each Sunday School. There is a juvenile missionary library for $5.00 prepared by the Young People's Missionary Movement.

We must educate our young people along the line of church work. Once a year let us have a Missionary Day, secure a good speaker and emphasize the privilege of being a missionary.

For Mission Study Classes I would suggest "China's New Day," by Dr. Headland, and "Western Women in Eastern Lands" for the adult societies, and "The Young China Hunters" for Juniors. These are *very good.*

"Western Women in Eastern Lands," Miss Jourolman told me, was the inspiration of the juveniles last year. Let us get to work in earnest now, and be glad that God has called us to this work. Let us say with Henry Van Dyke:

"Let me do my work from day to day,
In field or forest, at the desk or loom,
In roaring market place, or tranquil room;
Let me find it in my heart to say,
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray—
This is my work; my blessing, not my doom;
Of all that live I am the one by whom
This work can best be done, in the right way.

"Then shall I see it not too great nor small
To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;
Then shall I cheerfully greet the laboring hours
And cheerfully turn while the long shadows fall
At eventide, to play and love and rest,
Because I know for me my work is best."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. E. L. BROWN.

Report of Corresponding Secretary

I sent report of the June meeting of the Union to Christian Observer, Presbyterian Standard and Missionary Survey; called two meetings of the Executive Committee; sent out 176 letters and 213 postal cards; arranged for Week of Prayer for Home Missions in February, sending out programs to 35 Societies. The following amount of stationery was used:

Stamps	$4 22
Paper and envelopes	1 50
Postal cards	25
Total	$5 97

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. T. BANNERMAN,
Corresponding Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

July 2, 1912.

On hand	$46 00	
Received from Society dues	2 80	
Total		$48 80
Paid for minutes	$28 75	
Paid for mailing minutes	2 20	
Paid for Dr. Phillips' expenses	12 00	
Paid for programs—Day of Prayer	2 75	
Paid for Dr. Butler's expenses	2 30	
Total expended		$48 00
Balance on hand		80

July 2, 1913.

Balance on hand	$ 80	
Received dues Ladies' Societies	39 70	
Received dues Young People's Societies	14 65	
Total		$55 15
Paid officers	$13 75	
Paid speaker	10 00	
Total		$23 75
Balance on hand		$31 40

Resolutions of Thanks

Every one has been so good to us at this meeting that the difficulty in your committee was in finding where to stop. But we feel that our appreciation and thanks are especially due to the following: To Rev. W. W. Morton, for the helpfulness of his presence and his prayers, and for the alacrity with which he has responded to all our calls upon him; to Dr. and Mrs. Worth, for their timely and interesting addresses, and for the joy and inspiration of their presence with us; to Dr. C. N. Caldwell, for his illuminating address on the work and conditions in China; to Mrs. Horton and her choir, who have faithfully led the music for our meeting; to the excellent housewives of Whiteville and Vineland, for their sweet and sincere welcome, and for the royal entertainment provided by them for us; to Mrs. E. S. Lewis, as President of the Whiteville Society, for the hospitality shown in her home to every member of the Presbyterial.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. D. G. ROBINSON
ATKINSON

MRS. EDNA CROMARTIE SINGLETARY
CLARKTON

MRS. J. A. CORBETT
IVANHOE

MISS ALICE MacDUFFEE
IVANHOE

Report of Agent of Hospital Fund

We rejoice today over a finished task. The fund in hand for our woman's ward and operating room, for the enlargement of our hospital chapel and men's ward, and full equipment of instruments and apparatus.

Our joy and gratitude is beyond words. As we stand on this hill-top, let us glance backward over the way by which we have come.

Ten years ago, in the spring of 1903, the idea first came to us to build a hospital for Dr. Worth's work in Kiangyin. Dr. Worth assured us that this building was the greatest need of the station at that time. But it required some time for the Union to grasp the proposed plan, and the object was formally adopted at a called meeting of our Executive Committee in August, 1904.

Meanwhile the faith and enthusiasm of youth had grasped the idea at once. The first contribution credited to the hospital fund was sent during November, 1903, by the "Earnest Workers" of Caswell church, a fact in which the members of that band continue to exult to this day.

We set out to raise $4,000 in two years—80 shares of $50.00 each. During that winter, (1904), Dr. Worth sent us certificates printed in Shanghai, a picture of himself with a group of patients in front of the native building then being used as hospital quarters.

By June, 1905, 33 shares were pledged and in less than three years, the fund of $4,000 raised and the hospital built.

In April, 1907, the first meeting of the Presbytery of our church in China was held in Kiangyin in our hospital chapel—the first use of the building. Dr. Worth came home just at that time, and gave account of what has always seemed to us a wonderful achievement, in the way of making money and space count in the buildings and grounds.

At the same time he brought us word that a separate woman's ward must be added at a cost of $2,500.

To condense history, and to trace the over-ruling for our good, the following facts stand out:

It was never possible to buy additional land. In the hope of procuring this land, the building of the ward was delayed. The money which was sent was used for contingent needs. Water works were installed, a house was built for storing fuel, and a small building of three (3) rooms for contagious cases. Five hundred dollars remained when Dr. Worth came home in February, 1911, and told us that the rapidly growing work demanded a woman's ward, an operating room, and proper surgical equipment, all of which would cost $6,000, this fund to be in hand on his return to China in September, 1912. Though the necessity and urgency for this completing of our hospital plant were so apparent, and the finger pointing so plainly to this as the next piece of work for us, our committee held three meetings, and the third meeting adjourned with the question not settled as to whether or not we could attempt to raise the $6,000 within the limit of time. The decision was soon made, however, and the campaign begun.

Just as the uniting of our forces at the beginning to build the hospital strengthened and broadened our work, so this larger undertaking aroused many societies to greater things, and brought gifts from many individuals.

The doctors of Wilmington, and Dr. Ben Graham, from outside the city, gave a steam sterilizer; the Saint Andrews Ladies' Society and "Christian Endeavor" gave a private room of two cots, to be named in honor of Dr. and Mrs. McClure; the Duplin Roads Ladies' Society and Girls' Band gave a private room of one cot; Miss Margaret M. Craig gave a private room of one cot; Mr. C. C. Murphy gave a private room of one cot, Mr. Paul Murphy giving the cot. Other memorial cots have been given.

The necessary delay of Dr. Worth's return to China extended the time for our raising the fund, but in February, 1913, only half the amount ($3,000) was in hand. Just here we must turn back a few pages.

At Montreat, summer of 1910, the missionaries from China laid it upon our hearts very earnestly that Dr. Worth's work had been for some time entirely too heavy, and was increasingly so. In Dr. Worth's letter to the Union received that fall, he said that the previous year had proved beyond question that we must have another physician at Kiangyin, and he sent request that we unite in the definite prayer for a consecrated, capable physician to share the work in our hospital.

In February, of this year, the matter stood thus: Dr. Frank Crawford, of Virginia, just such an one as Dr. Worth desired, was ready, after his marriage, to go out in the fall to Kiangyin. The committee at Nashville had given Dr. Crawford appointment to the Mid-China Mission.

At the same meeting the committee decided that no new missionaries could be sent out unless a salary of $1,200 a year was pledged. On the 15th of February our Presbyterial Committee was called together to consider the following proposal: Mrs. James Sprunt offered to complete the hospital fund by a gift of $3,000, if the Presbyterial would take the support of Dr. Crawford and his wife—$2,400 a year.

This undertaking meant the raising of $1,000 by October 1st, 1913, for out-going expenses. Their salary beginning the day they reached Kiangyin. What did this mean to us?

Why we had been afraid we could not raise the six thousand dollars! With faltering faith we had begun the task. As we wrought on we had asked Him, whose work it was to help, to enable, to give us this fund, and He had given it. Let us dwell on this fact apart from other facts—seeing clearly that wherein we lacked faith were we rebuked; in so far as our faith reached up we have received the "much more" from our Heavenly Father. By this delaying we are bidden, that when the way is pointed out, we may go forward and and trust Him who points the way.

Now, to consider other facts. This fund was not given us until the next task was set before us, and so duty was plain. With grateful hearts we accepted the three thousand dollars. Nor was this all. A little later in the spring it came to the ears of these gracious givers, Mr. and Mrs. Sprunt, that

the surgical equipment actually needed would require another thousand dollars, and that the hospital chapel and the men's ward needed enlarging at a cost of $2,000, so another gift of $3,000 was gladly and readily made—"Exceeding abundantly above all we asked or thought!" Without any effort of ours, there has come to us for this beloved work as much from one giver as we set out to raise by a great effort of our own.

From the 15th of February, 1913, all receipts have gone toward the $1,000, due October 1st. This has reached about $600. It is with pleasure I report the $1,000 more than half raised, but we must remind ourselves that after June there are only three months of time. This fund must be in Nashville by October 1st. This new work will train us into habits of promptness. A building fund may wait, but the living salary must be supplied. Twelve hundred dollars every six months is our pledge, and we must be prompt and faithful.

New certificates have been made to be presented to those who have already contributed and to those who will contribute to the support of Dr. and Mrs. Crawford. Our aim now is pledges for a hundred shares of $24 each, which will make up the support fund.

In this final review, let us take account and in some measure encompass with our gratitude the distinct blessings we have received as a Presbyterial, because of our work for the hospital. In the first place, it has meant the uniting of all the forces and the enlisting of new forces. Perhaps half the people of the Presbytery who are interested in missions today have become interested within the last ten years through the definite interest in our definite object. It has been the inspiration to organization. When the children's bands grew in two years from 3 to 23, the thought shining before those dear young eyes was cot-support in Dr. Worth's hospital.

Figures have shown from year to year the increase in giving—the growth in "this grace also."

Far beyond our taking account is the cultivation of the spirit of definite intercession and faith. We have found the high privilege of working together, praying together, rejoicing together; not only working together here, but working with those across the seas. A share in the ministry to a million people—to a thousand every month.

And how did this blessing come to us? There stands out the title of some little verses which many of us have read lately, "Somebody Prayed."

Behind our thought and purpose and decision were the prayers of our devoted missionaries detained at home, in Wilmington, 1900 to 1903. And the prayers of Mrs. MacRae, who had come among us a little while before that time.

Behind Mrs. MacRae's coming, was the beautiful, quiet, faithful work of the mother of our Union, Mrs. Hall. We who know her well, may guess how she prayed as no one else prayed during the struggling years of the Presbyterial work—asking greater things.

And so, in our time, this splendid work was given us, and blessing has been upon it in China, and more and more have we been blessed over here, though we have failed and failed to do the half we planned and hoped to do.

From the glorious galaxy of promises shines out this radiant star, Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great things and difficult which thou knowest not."

In this hour the petition of our hearts is, "Lord, teach us to pray."

Let us bring just now a definite request. Our China mission is calling for five doctors. The only volunteer is Dr. Crawford, who desires to go to Kiangyin with Dr. Worth. In gratitude for this answer to our prayer, and remembering the command of our Saviour, let us, as a Presbyterial, unite now and day by day, until the answer comes, in the petition that the four other physicians for China be "thrust forth."

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZA WRIGHT MURPHY,
Agent for the Hospital Fund.

Presentation of the Constitution

When we hear of an old man who has weathered the storms of many winters, and the diseases and disasters of as many summers, and who is yet hale and hearty, and able to hold his own with much younger men, we usually account for such virility by saying, "He must have a splendid constitution." Lacking this, many careers bright with promise, have failed in the morning of their usefulness.

And so, considering these things, it gives me peculiar pleasure this morning to present each member of our Presbyterial with a splendid constitution. With such a one as this we may joyfully start toward our golden jubilee, confident of reaching it hale, hearty and fifty years young.

By examining the word we find it composed of two good Latin roots: *Con*, together; and stare or *Statuo*, to stand. Something by which we may "stand together."

In order to have an intelligent appreciation of this Presbyterial constitution, we must take a glance at the great "Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States," of which this is a part.

At the risk of repeating what, to some of you, may be "ancient history," I must say a word as to the conception and birth of this great woman's organization. "Where there is no vision the people perish." More than three-quarters of a century ago a little band of consecrated women in Augusta, Ga., standing on a mountain top of devotion and faith, saw a vision. The result was the first Missionary Society organized in our church—perhaps in the United States. Mrs. Johnson tells me "the work grew, till in 1888, we find these societies in East Hanover, Va., and Wilmington, N. C., Presbyteries banding themselves into a Union for mutual help and inspiration. Within the next few years we find the women of twenty Presbyteries working for organization. This was done in the face of opposition of many church sessions and many Presbyteries." But our General Assembly, be it said to the lasting credit of our church, seemed to hear the Master's voice saying, "Let her alone; why trouble ye her; she hath wrought a good work," and so they never gave utterance

on this question of woman's organized work, except to approve. About two years ago the women of our church overtured the General Assembly for a woman secretary to fully organize and unify our work. This was granted, and Mrs. Winsborough was selected. How well she has wrought will be seen as we proceed.

Our Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church has four divisions. Our first three divisions correspond to the men's organizations of the church. The Local Missionary Society corresponds to the local church organization; the Presbyterial to the men's Presbytery; the Synodical to the State Synod. We have no large body corresponding to the General Assembly, but our Woman's Council, composed of the Synodical President, with Mrs. Winsborough at the head, has a general oversight of the work as a whole, but it does not legislate or issue orders. The Local Missionary Society is the unit of the entire organization, and the only division holding executive power. The other divisions suggest plans, stimulate, confer, aid and encourage. So we see that from the local society, which is under the church session, to the Woman's Council, which is under the Assembly's Supervising Committee, the whole work is auxiliary.

It is with the second division we are particularly concerned this morning. A constitution for the Wilmington Presbyterial. At the Woman's Meeting at Montreat last summer, where the Woman's Auxiliary was launched, this constitution was the subject of much serious consideration. Interested and intelligent women leaders, aided by consecrated men, met repeatedly and prayerfully studied it, section by section, and article by article. In the end, representatives from the different States voted for its adoption in toto.

The working part of the constitution is not unlike those we have always used. Our old constitution, adopted in 1900, says, "It shall be the purpose of this Union to stimulate and systematize the efforts made for foreign missions among the women and young people of this Presbytery." Our new constitution gets a broader—a world-wide vision—and embraces all causes of the church, "recognizing the fact that all Christian effort is missionary in its ultimate aim." It provides for the work of the four causes of our church, namely, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Christian Education and Ministerial Relief and Sabbath School Extension and Young People's Work.

The plan of having a secretary to represent each of the four cases, as well as Local Home Missions and Literature, is an excellent one, and important from the fact that it gives to each one of our four Executive Committees a *special* representative in each missionary organization. In this way no society can become one-sided, its interest being in only one field.

Our Presbyterial has long had a Secretary of Young People's Work, and a Secretary of Literature, being the first, I believe, to embrace these two causes. In fact, the only entirely new cause to us is that of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, a cause, I'm sure, we will be glad to embrace, for it is one be it said to our shame, too long neglected by both the men and women of our church. (I had intended to emphasize this cause particularly, but I notice

from the program that Mrs. Curtis is to follow me with an address on this subject, so I leave it in her capable hands.)

The beautiful part of our new constitution is that, when it shall have been adopted by all the Presbyterials, then all the women of the Presbyterian church in the United States will be standing together for all these glorious causes, and so intelligently aiding our church that together it shall be graciously given us to lift higher and higher "The Light of the World," till His rays, shining brighter and brighter at home, shall cross ocean and continent and lonely sea isle, till every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low; till the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places made plain; yea, till we have "made straight in the desert a highway for our God." So, blessing, we shall be blest. MRS. J. A. BROWN.

Report of Secretary of Young People's Work

The Young People's Work of our Presbytery has gone along about as usual during the past year, with perhaps more inquiry for literature. Letters from the different Bands tell of the great interest manifested by the children, and the Young People in the work, and of the development of leadership among our young girls. There have been three new organizations this year. A wing of the Earnest Work and Worth Band, of Atkinson, has been organized at Currie and Caswell. These are not separate Bands, but three divisions of the same Band for convenience in meeting. Mrs. Ed. Huggins organized a Home Mission Society of children at Winter Park. To these three we give a hearty welcome to our meeting today.

This report marks the close of the eleventh year of the Young People's Work as a part of our Presbyterial. At the beginning, 1902, as mentioned in former reports, there were three Young People's Bands in our Presbytery. This organization increased from year to year until it grew to thirty-six. Of these, four have gone down, Bannerman Bridge, New Hope, Harmony and Acme, leaving thirty-two in existence today. From figures in hand I think there are about five hundred young people members of these bands. During the eleven years the gifts have amounted to approximarely $4,000. These gifts have gone to the support of the cots in our hospital at Kiangyin.

The Young People have had a part in the Lee's-MacRae Scholarship and the May Johnson Loan Fund. They have also made gifts to our orphanage and other causes.

Coincident with the idea of the women of the Presbytery building the Kiangyin hospital came the idea of the Young People supporting the cots. A few cots were already there in a native building. This support of the cots began right away—two years before the hospital was erected.

From the Young People's Bands have come earnest and efficient officer for our Presbyterial. During the last eleven years there have gone from our Presbytery one young man and one young woman as missionaries to China, and one young man to Korea, and one young man to Africa. We are glad and thankful to have four of our Young People from this Presbytery in the foreign field.

If there is one thing in the leading and blessing of God on our work in the Presbytery for which we are most grateful, it is the service and gifts of our Young People, for those whose lives promise more and more usefulness, and for the sweet lives of May Johnson and Flora Clovin, who were volunteers for the foreign field. God in His wisdom called them up higher, but the fragrance of their memory lingers, and their names are perpetuated—May's in the Scholarship Loan Fund, and Flora's in a memorial cot in our hospital. A touching fact is, that with the tithe Flora left in her treasury the communion plates for the Kiangyin church were purchased.

This work for God, my dear Young People, deserves the best that is in you, and I pray that you will give your best to the Lord, feeling deeply your responsibility for God-given opportunity.

"Young Christians may make mistakes in working for Christ, but they make a greater mistake in not working for Him. No failure in making the attempt is as bad as to fail to make it." Christ knows of the many duties and interests you have in life, and you are often tired in His service. Still He is saying to you every day: "Give ye them to eat."

At one time Jesus said to His tired disciples: "Come ye apart in a desert place and rest," but when they went into the desert place they found five thousand hungry men, and Jesus said to His disciples: "Give thee them to eat." And He brake and blessed the bread, and the disciples fed the multitude. After this Christ withdrew to the mountain side and spent the night in prayer. Hungry multitudes are still waiting for the bread of life.

This year closes my work as Secretary of the Young People's Work. I am happy to put this work into the hands of one of the young women that grew up with the Young People's Work, and into the hands of such a capable and consecrated leader. Give her your hearty co-operation and support. I wish to thank you all for the hearty co-operation you have given me in this work, and for the splendid work you have done and are still doing, but I wish to urge you on to greater efficiency in His service.

In closing, I wish to lay upon your hearts the great value of systematic study of God's Word, and this can be done in no better way than for you to join the Pocket Testament League. You will hear what Mrs. Worth has to say later, and I beg of you to go back to your bands and enlist the whole membership as members of this League.

Will you not band yourselves together to pray as never before for the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

At every meeting of your band will you not make definite prayers for the following:

1. Dr. and Mrs. Worth.
2. The patients that occupy the cot supported by your band.
3. The physician that will go out in October to assist Dr. Worth.
4. That many of the Young People of this Presbytery will offer and consecrate their lives for some definite work in His service.

Now, as a parting message to you, the dear Young People of this annual meeting, may I once more urge you to be daily Bible students, constant intercessors and steadfast workers. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. C. STEWART.

Young Peoples' Societies

STATISTICS

LOCATION	NAME	Number Members	Increased Membership	Amount Contributed	Average per Member	Copies of Survey	Year Book of Prayer	Dues Paid Presbyterial
Duplin Roads	Willing Workers, Sr.	12	3	$38 90	$3 24			$ 60
Duplin Roads	Willing Workers, Jr.	18						
Burgaw	Little Gleaners	25	13	19 10	76	1		1 00
Rockfish	Willing Workers	15		11 85	79			75
Teacheys	Little Helpers	25	2	21 50	86			60
St. Andrews	Women's Christian Endeaver	84	27	288 87	3 43	5	25	4 20
Clarkton	A. McFadyen	7		108 00	15 42	6		35
Caswell	Earnest Workers	17		27 00		6	2	1 00
Caswell	Worth Band	9		5 20	58	9	4	40
Caswell	Currie Wing	7						35
Mt. Olive	Dorcas	8	1	15 00	1 88			
Whiteville	Willing Workers	13	5	27 50	2 12			55
St. Andrews	Miriams	20	8	5 00	25			
Wilmington, First Church	Willing Workers	28	6	11 87	42	2		1 40
Wilmington, First Church	Helping Hand	5	1	6 00	1 20			25
Wilmington, First Church	Gleaners	12	5	3 35	28			60
South River	Little Workers	17		5 17	31			60
Chadbourn	Patience Brown	21		8 05	39			1 05
Clarkton	Willing Workers	19						95
	Total	362	71	$602 36		29		$14 65

BANNER SOCIETY—CLARKTON
A. McFAYDEN

Ladies' Societies

STATISTICS

LOCATION	Number Members	Increased Membership	Amount Contributed	Average per Member	No. Copies Survey	No. Copies Prayer Book	Dues Paid Presbyterial
Black River	10		$ 33 00	$3 30	5	1	$1 00
Burgaw	30	7	151 95	5 06	6		2 40
Caswell	12		29 20	2 43	9	4	1 00
Chadbourn	17	1	50 75	2 98	13	5	80
Clarkton	27	2	105 66	3 92	21	10	1 60
Clinton	30	6	130 00	4 33	13	3	1 50
Duplin Roads	53	1	315 57	5 95	7	1	5 30
Elizahethtown	15	4	55 36	3 69	5	1	1 20
Faison Ladies Aid Society	15		30 00	2 00	5	1	1 50
Immanuel	11	7	6 00		5	1	1 20
New Hope	11	1	100 39	9 12	9	6	1 10
South River	16		44 00	2 75	5		1 60
Rockfish	26		118 11	4 50	9	5	2 60
Whiteville	21		120 76	5 75	5		2 10
Wilmington, Foreign Missionary Society, First Church	77	4	685 22	8 90	43	10	6 50
Grove			75 00				1 25
Wilmington, Home Missionary Society, First Church	44	1	500 00				3 90
Wilmington, St. Andrews	57	7	386 14	7 43	24	26	5 50
Rose Hill	25	3	57 03	2 06	11		1 25
Teacheys	5		27 50	5 50	1	2	50
Mt. Olive	17	2	50 00	2 94	10		
Beth Car	14		23 10	1 65		4	
Warsaw	19	3	100 00	5 26			
Wilmington, E. McRae, First Church	20		142 04	7 10			2 00
Acme							2 10
Total	572	49	$3,336 39		206	80	$45 20

BANNER SOCIETY—NEW HOPE